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SUBJECT:EC SUMMIT: GISCARD'S PRESS CONFERENCE

1.AT END OF EC SUMMIT MEETING LATE DECEMBER 10, FRENCH
PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING PRESENTED THE SUMMIT'S
COMMUNIQUE(SENT SEPTTEL) TO THE PRESS AND RESPONDED TO
QUESTIONS.MAIN POINTS FOLLOW

2.ENERGY:(SEE PARAGRAPH 29-33 COMMUNIQUE).GISCARD SAID
THAT THE COMMUNIQUE MARKS "THE IMPORTANCE THAT WE
ATTACH TO ESTABLISHING A COMMON ENERGY POLICY."

THE NINE "DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITIES FOR
COOPERATION AMONG THE CONSUMER AND PRODUCER COUNTRIES AND
MARKED THE IMPORTANCE THEY ATTACH TO THE CONVERSATIONS

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TO BE HELD SHORTLY" BETWEEN GISCARD AND PRESIDENT

FORD.RESPONDING TO A QUESTION,GISCARD SAID "I HAVE THE FEELING THAT THE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES ARE FAVORABLE TO A MEETING WITH THE COUNTRIES PRODUCING PETROLEUM. BOTH GROUPS THINK THAT SUCH A MEETING MUST BE CAREFULLY PREPARED (DOIT ETRE PREPARE SOIGNEUSEMENT) AND THAT IS THUS THE PROCEDURAL QUESTION WHICH IS POSED. I WILL DISCUSS THIS WITH PRESIDENT FORD." HE ADDED THAT HE HAD NOTED IN U.S. POLICY AN OPENING TO THE POSSIBILITY OF AN ENERGY CONFERENCE, AND HE WILL EXAMINE CAREFULLY WITH PRESIDENT FORD THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH SUCH A CONFERENCE COULD BE ORGANIZED.

3.ECONOMIC SITUATION: GISCARD DREW ATTENTION TO PARA 20 OF THE COMMUNIQUE, WHICH ASSIGNS HIM THE RESPONSIBILITY OF STRESSING TO PRESIDENT FORT AT MARTINIQUE THE "IMPORTANCE OF CONVERGENCE BETWEEN THE ECONOMIC POLICIES OF ALL INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES" TO HEAD OFF A GENERAL ECONOMIC RECESSION AND TO RESTORE STABILITY.

4. NEXT EC SUMMIT: GISCARD SAID THE NEXT EC SUMMIT WOULD TAKE PLACE IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1975 UNDER THE IRISH EC PRESIDENCY.
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